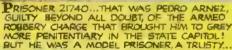




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JOHNNY CORD WAS IMMOCENT OF THE CRIME FOR WHICH HE HAD BEEN CONVICTED! JOHNNY WAS GOOD KID WHO JUST HAPPENED TO FIT INTO THE FRAME, BUT THAT DION'T MAKE HIS
IMPRISONMENT ANY EASIER TO BEAR! HE WAS BITTER! HE WANTED TO JOIN
IN THE BREAK HIS CELL MATE HAD PLANNED! BUT PEDRO ARMEZ SAID, PEDRO ARNEZ SAID TO THE OTHERS.







DESPITE MIS GOOD PRISON RECORDI ARNEZ HAD BEEN REFUSED A PAROLE! ME HAD FOURTEEN MORE YEARS TO SERVE -A BIG CHUNK OUT OF MAN'S LIFE ... SO ARNEZ WAS BIDING HIS TIME AND TODAY WAS THE DAY!





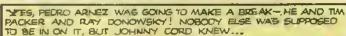
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I GOT A PRETTY LOOK, I CAN'T TAKE
GOOD IDEA WHO
SPILLED! WHAT'S
THE MATTER,
PEDRO - CAN'T
YOU KEEP YOUR
YAP BUITTONED?

BELONGED HERE!

CARAMBA: IF A MAN CANNOT SPEAK WITH HIS OWN CELL MATE HE IS DEAD! SURE I TELL JOHNNY SCODBY! WHAT KIND OF A FELLOW YOU THINK IS PEDRO, NOT TO SAY ADIOS TO ONE SWELL FELLOW.



OH, YOU'RE CRAZY, JOHNNY! HOW FAR YOU THINK YOU'LL GET TILL THEY MAYBE PUT A BUILLET IN YOUR BACK? THEY HUNT YOU LIKE AN ANIMAL! EVERY-BODY LIKES YOU...

MAYBE... PAROLE... YOU'LL
BE OUT OF THIS HOLE
IN THREE! CHEEZ, I COULL
DO THREE STANOING ON
ONE LEG!

DON'T BE A

ABOUT FIVE

MORE YEARS

TO GO! WITH

TIME OFF FOR

YEAH- AND

GOOD BEHAVIOR

DNLY GOT



THREE MORE YEARS IN A CAGE FOR SOMETHING I DIDN'T DO! WHY , SHOULDN'T I RISK A SLUG IN MY BACK? "... YEAR

AND YOU GUYS
WOULDN'T BE
STICKING YOUR
NECKS OUT IF
THERE WASN'T
A CHANCE!

HUM! WHERE DO YOU GET OFF PUTTING YOUR-SELF IN OUR CLASS? PEDRO'S

MORE TO DO! RAY GOT TWENTY YEARS TO LIFE! AND THEY HUNG THREE



ALL MY LIFE IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT! MY PA
AND MA DIED BEFORE I WAS FIVE, AND
FOR TWELVE YEARS AFTER THAT I LIVED
WITH A RUMMY UNCLE WHO SLAPPED
ME AROUND EVERY TIME A KID IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD BROKE A WINDOW OR
DID ANYTHING ELSE WRONG!



THEN I MET BETTY MARLEY, AND WE WERE NUTS ABOUT EACH OTHER—TALKED MINUTES, ABOUT GETTING MARRIED SCALE DAY: FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE I WAS HAPPYIBUT SHE HAD A HEELOF A BROTHER, PAUL, WHO HIT SOMEBODY WITH HIS CAR AND RAN! THEN HE LOANED ME THE CAR, AND LIKE A DOPE, I DIDN'T SMELL A RAT!



...SO I GOT NASBED FOR THAT HIT-AND-RUN RAP, AND THAT RAT, PAUL MARLEY, TOLD THE POLICE I TOOK THE CAR WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION! I GOT SIX LOUSY YEARS! NOW I ASK YOU GUYS FOR A BREAK, AND WHAT

ONLY BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW IT ENDS FOR YOU, KID! YOU STICK IT OUT AND SOME DAY THEY LEARN THE TRUTH! BREAK OUT WITH US AND THEY ALL SAY, "LOOK AT JOHNNY-HE'S NO GOOD LIKE ALWAYS!" THEY SAY 'A MAN, WHO IS MONEST NSIDE, WHO DOES NO WRONG DOES NOT RUN AWAY!"













A BEATING HE NEVER
FORGOT FOR SOMETHING
HE DID NOT DO! IT WAS
ALWAYS MANUELS FATE TO
BE UNJUSTLY PUNISHED! WHEN
HE WAS TWELVE, HE WAS
BLAMED FOR SOMETHING
WHICH ALL THE PUPILS KNEW
WAS DONE BY ALBERTOR

AND WHEN
I OPENSO THE
DRAWER OF MY
DESK, SENOR
PRINCIPAL, I FIND
THIS RAT PLACED
WERE BY THIS
ALWAYS TROUBLESOME ROCA!

OUT WITH YOU.
ROCA-OUT OF
THIS SCHOOL,
AND NEVER
COME
BACK!

GOMEZ ..



AT THE AGE OF 18, MANUEL HAD A
JOB WITH A CARRIAGE MAKER —
UNTIL THE DAY THIS SAME ALBERTO
GOMEZ ARRIVED WITH HIS PARENTS
FOR A NEW CARRIAGE...

BUT I HAVE

THE CROWBAR! I

CARELESS .

IDIOTI LEAVE A CROWBAR AT THE WHEEL, WILL YOU'S YOU ARE DISCHARGED! I SHALL KEEP YOUR WAGES TO BUY

WHEEL, WILL
YOU ARE
YOU ARE
CARRIAGE
LL KEEP YOUR
GES TO BUY
A NEW
WHEEL!

WHEEL!

HAVE NOT EVEN
CARRIAGE
SINCE IT WAS
ROLLED OUT
OF THE
SHOP!

WHEN HE WAS 20, ROCA WORKED FOR A BAKER! THERE ALSO HE WAS ACCUSED OF A THEFT! LATER, HIS 8055 REMEMBERED PUTTING THE MISSING MONEY IN HIS OWN APRON, BLIT IT WAS YEARS BEFORE HE ADWITTED THE TRUTH!..

HOW COULD I HAVE A CLEVER
TAKEN THE MONEY
WHEN I WAS IN THE
BACK KNEADING
DOUGH, SENOR!
YOU CAN
SEARCH ME!
PLACE AT ONCE
THIEFS









LADY VERY ANGRY

























AND SURE ENOUGH, THE NEXT MORNING, AFTER THE BODY OF GENORA VALDEZ WAS FOUND BY THE WOMAN WHO CLEANED THE ROOMS, THE BOARDERS POINTED ACCUSINGLY AT POOR MANUEL

NO! NO! THIS IS A TERRIBLE MUSTAKE! I BEG YOU TO HEAR ME-I DID NOT LEAVE MY ROOM LAST

DON'T WORRY, YOU WILL HAVE A FAIR TRAIL. BEFORE YOU ARE EXECUTED!

HANG THE MURDERER! TO BOCA INFIERNO WITH HIM!



THERE ARE WITNESSESS WHO SWEAR THEY HEARD YOU THREATEN TO KILL SERORA VALIDEZ, ALSO, MIGUEL DIAZ, WHO LIVES ACROSS THE HEALL FROM THE LANDLADY'S QUARTERS, SWEARS HE SAW YOU GO IN, AND THAT HE MIGHT HAVE STOPPED YOU, ONLY HE THOUGHT YOU WERE THERE TO PAY YOUR RENT! IN THE FACE OF SUCH EVIDENCE, MANUEL ROCA I MUST CONDEWN YOU TO HANG ON THE GALLOWS AT BOCA INFIERNO!

SO MANUEL WAS TAKEN TO BOCA INFIERNO-MOUTH OF HADES—WHERE A DEVIL WAS IN CHARGE, GENERAL JOSÉ VASQUEZ! THIS VASQUEZ HIMSELF MADE THE LAWS FOR THE PRISON—STRANGE CRUEL LAWS!

WHY DO ALL FEAR TO GE OF THE FEVERY IS IT MAN DIE OF THE THE NAT BETTER THAT WAY FEVER! HA! NO, THE GENERAL WILL NOT BE CHEATED OF A SINGLE END OF A ROPE?

A ROPE?

THE FEVERY IS IT MAN DIE OF THE MAN TO CHOKE TO GENERAL WILL NOT BE CHEATED OF A SINGLE END OF A SINGLE E

CEE WHAT THE RGS DO! THEY TAKE THE HANGMAN SANCHEZ OUT TO HANG HIM BEFORE HE CAN DIE A NATURAL DEATH! AND ONE OF US CONCEMNED WILL BE SELECTED AS THE NEW HANGMAN—NOT A BAD JOS IF YOU CAN STOMACH IT, AMIGO! AT LEAST THEY LET YOU LIVE LINTIL YOU ARE DYING OF THE FEVER YOURGELF! THEN CUT



HAVE YOU

LOST COUNT

YET, HANGMAN

ROCAT THIRTY

SEVEN WHEN

YOU FINISH

WITH JOHN

SEVEN, DOG!

MANUEL ROCA, STEP FORWARD ! YOUR EXECUTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED ON ORDERS OF GENERAL JOSÉ VASQUIEZ! WE HAVE FOR YOU A LIPETIME JOB! HA! HA! MANUEL ROCA! N

NEVER HAVE I SO MICH AG D HURT A FLY! YOU CANNOT DO THIS TO AN INNOCENT MAN! YOU HEAR-I WILL NOT BE YOUR



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...BUT IT WAS HANG OR BE HANGED-AND AT ONCE! SO MANUEL TOOK THE JOB! HE SUFFERED MORE AT EACH EXECUTION, AND THERE WERE MANY, BUT AT LEAST HIS OWN LIFE WAS SPARED...

PULL YOUR ROPE, SWINE! HOW MANY MORE ORTY WORK OF YOUR MAGTERS - FORE THE FRAME AND LY WILL COME BACK COMES AND EVERY NIGHT TO HALINT THEY PUT ME YOU!



GO ON, VULTURE—
CLAIM YOUR
VICTIM! GO PLAY
WITH YOUR
LITTLE TOY OF
DEATH! MORE OF
US DOOMED
ARRIVE DAILY AT
LA BOCA TO
SATISFY YOUR
BLACK LUST FOR



TOLL REACHED HALF A
HUNDRED, THE FEVER
STRLICK

CARAMBA! OM, HE IS FAR'
I THOUGHT
THIS ROCA
WOULD GO
ON
FOREVER! FEVER AND LIVE TO
HANG MANY, MANY
MORE, AMISO!



ALTHOUGH AT BOCA INFIERNO THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE DOCTOR, EVEN THE GUIARDS COULD SEE THAT MANUEL WAG NOT VERY GICK...

THERE HANGMAN'
ROCA-YOU'R
QUININE AND
HERBS! IN THREE,
FOUR DAYG YOU
WILL BE BACK
AT YOU'R
GALLOWS!

I CAN BEAR NO LONGER
BEING DESPISED BY THE
OTHERS! THEY PRAY FOR
ME TO GET WORSE, AND
YET THEY FEAR IT, FOR
IF I AM HANGED THEM
ONE OF THEM WILL
BE CHOSEN TO REPLACE ME AT THE
FILTHY JOB!



IF I TAKE THE MEDICINE I
GRALL LIVE-THIS TIME! BLIT
I'LL BE WEAKER, AND THE
JUNGLE'S HEAT WILL SLOWLY
SAP MY STRENGTH! WHEN THE
FEVER STRIKES AGAIN, ALL THE
GUARDS WILL KNOW I CANNOT
SURVIVE! THEN THEY WILL CARRY
ME OUT TO BE HANGED! HANGED
FOR A CRIME DONE BY ANDTHER!
NO! BETTER I DIE OF THE PEVER NOW
THAN TAKE PUNIGHMENT I DO NOT



SO THAT NIGHT WHILE
THE PRISON SLEPT, HE
CAST AWAY THE
HEALING MEDICINE!

THERE!
THEY WILL
NEVER
HANG
MANUEL
ROCA!



SI OR GENERAL

I AM JUST ON MY

CRISIS WILL BE OVER AND WE WILL KNOW WHETHER HE IS TO LIVE OR DIE! HAH! AFTER ALL AFTER ALL WHAT DIFFERENCE IS IT TO US WHETHER WE HANG HIM TOMORROW OR A YEAR







WHATE! DEADE BUT

TEN THOUSAND PARDONS GENERAL DECRIVED ME INTO BELIEVING HE WAS GETTING WELL!

IT IS GOOD THAT YOU DID NOT HANG THE POOR FELLOW, GUARD! BUT HOW IRONIC IS FATE THAT MANUEL ROCA'S DEATH SHOULD COME OF FEVER AT THE VERY MOMENT I
RECEIVED WORD OF HIS PARDON! A CERTAIN
MIGUEL DIAZ HAS MADE A DEATHBED
CONFESSION TO THE MURDER FOR WHICH
ROCA WAS CONVICTED! WHAT GOOD
FORTUNE FOR US THAT WE DID









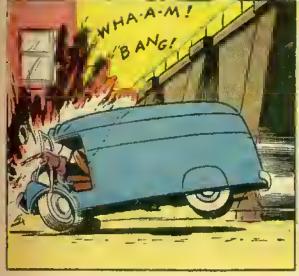








THEY'VE GRABBED











PAUL MARLEY HAD A BAD SMASHUP—
IN THAT SAME CAR HE ACCUSED YOU OF
TAKING WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION! HE
DIED LAST NIGHT, JOHNNY! BUT BEFORE
HE DIED, HE MADE A FULL CONFESSION...
CONFESSED THAT HE WAS THE HIT-ANDRUN DRIVER, NOT YOU! I HAVE A
FULL PARDON FOR YOU FROM
THE GOVERNOR!





HOW CURIOUSLY THINGS WORK OUT! THERE WAS PEDRO ARNEZ. TRUSTED HM, A MAN I BELIEVED HAD GOOD IN HIM. YET, HE BETRAYED THAT TRUST! AND YOU, WHO HAD EVERY REASON TO WANT TO ESCARD DIDN'T TRY! IF SOMEONE TOLD SO STRANGE A STORY OF JUSTICE, YOU'D HARDLY BELIEVE IT!



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EXTINGUISHED AND THE

AND HEAVILY FINED!

SMART ALEC WAS CAUGHT

MURDER TRIAL 4000 YEARS AGO

WAS RECENTLY UNEARTHED IN IRAO!

AND SENTENCED TO BE EXECUTED!

THREE MEN WERE FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Switzerland! THE FROZEN

TOPPLED OFF AND STRUCK

THE BOY IN THE TEMPLE!

HEAD OF THE SNOWMAN

FOR ALL! DABOUTS ORDER TO



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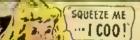




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HOTEL HOOD

RATES: SINGLE ROOM, ZERO! DOUBLE-ROOM: ZERO-ZERO!
RESTAURANT: FREE LUNCH! BAR: ON THE CUFF!
OWNER AND MANAGER: A SUCKER NAMED NIX HYLER!

WHAT DIVIDENDS COULD HE EXPECT FROM HIS CRIMINAL HERITAGES







NIK! I CAN'T STAND



















NO WONDER THERE MUST BE, YOU'RE A CROOK! BUT DARNED IF I KNOW WHAT IT IS IN IT IS I KNOW WHAT IT IS I KNOW WHAT IT IS I KNOW WHAT IT IS IN IT IS IN















THE PAST IS BEHIND ME! THINK OF ALL THE STICK-UPS AND SWINDLES I'LL NEVER HAVE TO PAY FOR! I'M A RESPECTABLE CITIZEN NOW—YESSIR! NIX HYLER GOT OUT WHILE THE GETTING WAS GOOD! ONLY SUCKERS GO TO STIR MORE THAN ONCE!



















THE NEXT DAY ...

























DINKY, FOR HEAVEN'S
SAKE, HAVE PITY! WE
HAVEN'T MADE ANY
MONEY IN THREE WEEKS!
THE BOYS RUN UP
THOUSAND-DOLLAR FOOD
AND DRINK BILLS ON
THE CUFF! THEY'RE
DRIVING OUT MY
PAYING GUESTS!

I DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF TALK, NIX! SOUNDS LIKE YOU AIN'T ONE OF US NO MORE!



GIMME
L. A. LOS ANGELES ON MY PHONE
PERSON THAT TEARS IT! OF COURSE
TO I'M NOT ONE OF YOU ANY
PERSON! MARE! AND I WON'T HAVE
IT! YOU'RE RUNING ME!



ENOUGH! THERE ISN'T A BILL-PIVEN
LEFT IN THE HOTEL!
WHAT'S MORE, MY
HOUSE DETECTIVE
KNOWS YOU'RE A
PACK OF CROCKS!

FACK OF CROCKS!

BE SERIOUS, DINKY! ENOUGH'S

WHAT'S THE MATTER
NIX2 FORGETTIN'
YOUR CLD PALS2
GETTIN' TOO GOOD
FOR US? DUMB
TALK LIKE THAT PUT
MANY A CLUCK
INTO AN EARLY
GRAVE!

BUT. DINKY!
YOU INSULT THE
FEW GUESTS
(VE GOT LEFT)
M.MY STAFF
IS QUITTING
WHOLESALE!
I'LL GO
BROKE!



BETTER NOT, NIX OR YOU'LL
BE THE POOREST STIFF IN THE
GRAVEYARD! WE LIKE IT HERE!
WE EVEN LIKE YOU -PROVIDED
YOU'RE A GOOD HOST!
-__UNDERSTAND?





















SHORTLY AFTER ...





HOW THEY WERE TRAPPED

C.H. MOORE



TILLY RUSSEL WENT INTO A Hollywood Calif. DRESS SHOP TO CASH A CHECK FOR 65 CENTS THE CLERK GAVE HER 65 DOLLARS BY MISTAKE! TILLY DENIED IT IN COURT AND TOLD THE JUDGE THAT THE CLERK GAVE HER 2 QUARTERS, A DIME, AND A NICKEL! THE JUDGE ASKED TILLY WHAT SHE DID I MMEDIATELY AFTER SHE RECEIVED THE MONEY FROM THE CLERK?

* I FOLDED IT UP AND PUT IT IN MY POCKETBOOK "SHE REPLIED!

H. MOORK

BILL ROGERS WAS HAVING A FINE TIME BEING ENTERTAINED IN SMALL TOWNS AROUND THE COUNTRY AS HE IMPERSONATED A MARINE HERO! HIS MERRY-MAKING FRAUD ENDED WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP BY THE MILITARY POLICE FOR TRYING TO IMPROVE THE REGULATION UNIFORM HE WAS WEARING BLACK AND WHITE SADDLE SHOES

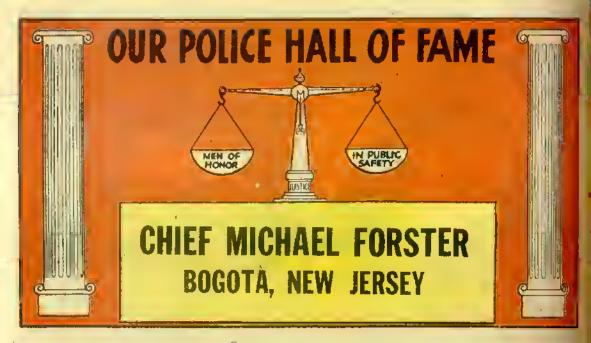


"SPEED" MULLENS CLAIMED THAT HE LOST
THE SIGHT OF HIS LEFT EYE, AS A RESULT
OF AN ACCIDENT AT WORK, AND WAS SUING
FOR DAMAGES — THE COMPANY LAWYER
REQUESTED IN COURT THAT "SPEED" PUT
ON A PAIR OF GLASSES AND READ THE WORDS
WRITTEN ON A BOARD PLACED IN FRONT OF HIM!
"SPEED" READ WITHOUT DIFFICULTY WHICH
PROVED THAT HE WAS FAKING!"

THE RIGHT LENS OF THE GLASSES WAS RED AND THE LEFT LENS WAS CLEAR GLASS — HE READ THE WORDS WITHOUT HESITATION! THE WDRDS WERE WRITTEN WITH GREEN CHALK ON A BLACKBOARD — SPEED COULD NOT HAVE SEEN THE WORDS WITH HIS RIGHT EYE BECAUSE THE RED LENS MAKES GREEN CHALK APPEAR AS BLACK AND ON A BLACK BOARD WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO READ — SO HE MUST HAVE READ THE WORDS THROUGH THE PLAIN GLASS LENS AND WITH THE EYE HE CLAIMED WAS BLIND! (HE WAS TOLD THAT THE GLASSES WOULD REDUCE THE STRAIN ON HIS ONE GOOD EYE!)



DOC KELLY, BANK ROBBER, MURDERED HIS PARTHER
IN A DINGY DUSTY ROOM THEY USED AS A HIDEOUT, AND
SKIPPED WITH ALL THE MONEY.* HE WAS TRAPPED BY
THE MAN HE MURDERED!* THE VICTIM, NOT QUITE DEAD,
CRAWLED TO A MIRROR LEANING AGAINST THE WALL
AND WROTE IN THE DUST "DOC KELLY DID 17!"





CHIEF MICHAEL FORSTER
"Watch Your Cigarette Butts!"

"THELLO, Chief! This is Blanchard.
There's been another robbery. I think
you'd better come over."

This short conversation between Sergean Ed Blanchard and Police Chief Michael Forster, head of the Bogota, New Jersey Police Department, started a chain of events that was to lead to the solution of a baffling series of crimes.

Within an hour, Chief Forster had arrived at the scene of the crime and made a detailed study of the house and grounds. The criminal or criminals had entered the house by removing a panel from a side window. They had taken \$50,000 worth of jewels, silver and cash.

No tangible clues were revealed by the inspection. A flagstone walk surrounding the house prevented foot-print clues, and the house breakers evidently had used gloves, for no fingerprints were available. Chief Forster ordered his sergeant to make a list of all the stolen items and to continue searching the premises for claes. Finishing his instructions to Blanchard, Forster commented, "well, this is the sixth robbery in two weeks—and the absence of clues certainly is one thing they have in common! Where do we go from here?"

As Forster returned to his car he saw and picked up a half-smoked cigarette butt from

the sidewalk in front of the house. "Another one!" he muttered. He dropped it in an envelope, put the envelope in his pocket and took it back with him to his office.

At headquarters, Forster called for the files on the preceding five robberies. When Sergeant Blanchard returned, he found Forster carefully studying these reports. The chief wid, "Ed, it's pretty clear that the same hand is behind all these jobs, but whose? We haven't even a hint or a starting point!"

"Well, chief," replied the sergeant, thoughtfully, "the methods used to get into the houses have been efficient and quite different in each case. That would seem to indicate that each place had been carefully cased. None of the people robbed knew each other before the times, and all are insured by different companies. We even talked with the kids from the homes of the victims, but they hadn't seen any strange characters around. The only tie we have is the half-smoked cigarette butts you've been finding, but that may be just coincidence. Even if it isn't, it's not much to go on."

"One thing is sure," Chief Forster said.
"Whoever broke into those homes knew that
the occupants wouldn't be around at the time
of the theft."

for two weeks the investigation continued, lists of the stolen articles were sent to pawn shops and jewelers. The movements of strangers in town were checked and re-checked. At length Chief Forster re-visited each of the victims. From time to time on this tour he would stoop and pick up half-smoked cigarettes whenever he spotted one on the sidewalk. He didn't learn anything new from his interviews, but the accumulating collection of cigarette butts gave him an idea.

Back in his office, Chief Forster again went over the situation with Sergeant Blanchard. "Ed," he said, "I think we should check on everybody who services those homes — the milkmen, the bread men, the postmen, delivtry boys — everybody! And find out if they smoke cigarettes, and what brand."

So another plodding, dogged survey got under way. A mass of information was accumulated, most of it uscless. And then one night, after a fruitless day of checking and rethecking, Chief Forster was about to drive Sergeant Blanchard to his home. "Will you wait just a minute, chief?" the sergeant asked.
"I want to hop off and pick up a newspaper."

"Newspapers!" the chief almost exploded. "Why didn't we think of that before? We've covered everything but the paper deliveries!"

Returning to headquarters, Forster and Blanchard got busy on the phone. They called each victim in turn, asking only one question; who made their paper deliveries? Then, as they breathlessly compared notes, they found that they had finally uncovered their only common denominator. His name was Frank Marshall and he had been delivering papers in the neighborhood for about a year.

Forster then sent a wire to all neighboring police departments as well as to New York, asking if they had any information on a man named Frank Marshall. Next he checked the registers to find Marshall's address.

The registers didn't provide an address, so the next morning the two police officers, using a non-police car, followed Marshall on his newspaper route. The man, about thirty years old, stocky and quick moving, made his deliveries from a battered old jalopy. One detail that especially interested Forster and Blanchard was that Marshall was a chain cigarette smoker, lighting one off the butt of another! After the deliveries were completed, they trailed him to his boarding house and waited outside.

About twenty minutes later he came out, this time dressed nattily in a gray suit, went to a garage in the rear of the house and drove out in a brand new car! Forster and Blanchard followed.

For the rest of the day, the two men shadowed Marshall, saw him visit a clothing store and then tagged after him all the way to New York, where he attended a movie. But Marshall returned to Bogota and to his room before dinner. At this point, Forster decided the time had come to act.

Mounting the steps, Forster instructed Blanchard, "you stay outside! Keep the place covered, but if you hear anything unusual, bust in! He may have a gun."

Forster then knocked on the door.

"Who's there?" a surly voice asked.

"Western Union," the chief answered. Marshall hesitantly opened the door and Forster forced his way in. "I'm a police officer, Marshall!" Forster said. "I want to talk to you."

Marshall's room was scantly furnished but there were about a dozen locked suitcases in a far corner. "If you're smart," the chief said, as he glanced around, "you'll answer some questions—and answer them straight. Tell me, what do you do for a living?"

"I have a newspaper route," Marshall an-

swered angrily.

"You have some pretty fancy clothes and a very expensive car for a newsboy," remarked Forster.

"Well, if you must know," Marshall said, "I've been playing the races recently and

got lucky."

"You're not lucky enough!". Forster snapped. "We know where you got the money, and it wasn't at the track. You've been breaking-and-entering! Of all the burglaries committed in town in the last month, each one of them has been on your newspaper route! You left a trail of half-smoked cigarettes wherever you went. And here in your room," said the chief, pointing to the dresser, "I see two ash trays full of evidence — the same brand of cigarette, half smoked!"

At that, Marshall whipped a gun from a shoulder holster. "All right, smart guy," he snarled. "So I'm your man! But weren't you a sap to come here alone and think you could take me? I'm a three-time loser, and I know what I'm in for if I have to go back! I'm walking out this door, and if you make a move to stop me, I'll kill you, so help me! Now get going, ahead of me, and watch your step!"

As they left the room, Chief Forster deliberately tripped on the top step of the stairway, twisting out of gun range. He heard one shot and looked back to see Marshall drop, a bullet, fired by Blanchard, in his right shoulder.

Frank Marshall, with five arrests and the convictions on his record, was sent away for the fourth and last time. Leaving the trisl, Chief Forster smiled grimly at his sergeam and remarked, "You know, Ed, I always said it was hazardous to throw cigarette butts around indiscriminately!"

THE END



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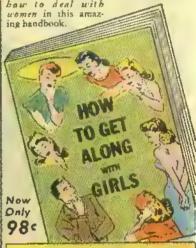
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YOU!" IT WAS GOOD ADVICE, BUT BAT NORMAN HAD TO LIVE BY
VIOLENCE TO JUSTIFY HIS OWN WEAKNESSES! IN MORE
WAYS THAN ONE HE WAS

BUIND AS A BAT









































W-UH! TOO CHEAP A QUESTION OR SO EXPENSIVE AN ANSWER!
HAT DO I GET IF I TALK? I'LL
TAN INTO A SQUEALING MACHINE
FILL GUT MY SENTENCE! I'VE
DOE TIME TWICE! THERE'S
NOTHIN' WORSE THAN TIME!

SOME CROOKS SAY DIFFERENT! SQUEALERS DON'T MAKE OUT TOO WELL AFTERWARDS,

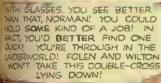














AN HOUR LATER, ACCUSER
AND ACCUSED WERE
BROUGHT FACE TO FACE!

KNOW

WHAT'S

BEHIND

THIS! BAT

TRYIN' TO

WASN'T ONLY

YOU FOUR EYED
SKUNK! YOU WON'T
LIVE TO GET OUT
OF STIR! WE'LL
PASS THE WORD!
EVERYBODY'LL
KNOW WHO
YOU ARE!



ON A JOB! I MUST'VE HURT HIS PEEUINGS! THAT'S WHY HE DOUBLE-CROSSED US - TO SHOW ME THAT EVEN WITH MY PERFECT VISION, I WOULD ROT IN STIR FOR LIFE, WHILE HE-WHO CAN'T SEE THE SIDE OF A BARN-WILL HIT THE BRICKS IN THREE YEARS OR LESS!





























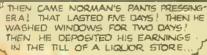




ONE THING MORE—THE MEN YOU BETRAYED HAVENT FORGOTTEN YOU. AND THEY HAVE FRIENDS ON THE OUTSIDE! IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO STRAIGHT BECAUSE IT PAYS, THEN GO STRAIGHT TO SAVE YOUR SKIN! GET AN HONEST JOB IN ANOTHER CITY AND KEEP YOUR NOSE CLEAN! ANOTHER CONVICTION NORMAN, AND YOU'LL BE BACK HERE FOR MORE YEARS THAN







I'M GOING TO LOCK MY SELF IN MY ROOM AND GET SO DRUNK THAT I'LL WIPE THAT WARDEN AND ALL HIS PREACHIN' CLEAN OUT OF MY TLIKE FOLLOWING BUILT UP A MEASURE OF FALSE COURAGE,

NIGHT, HAVING) OLD FRIENDS ? THEY'LL BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL 'EM I DIDN'T SQUEAL ON DANNS OR LOU-THAT THE BAT COPS LISED ME **STAGGERED**

FEET AND ...

GOTTA GET A PARTNER I CAN'T PULL A JOB WITHOUT A PARTNER!

BE AFRAID OF MY



BUT BAT'S COURAGE LASTED ONLY UP TO THE POINT OF DOING SOME THING ABOUT IT! THEN THE ALCOHOL IN HIS INTESTINES TURNED TO WATER.



THE ONLY JOB BAT COULD GET NOW TO SATISFY THE PANGS OF HUNGER WAS SHINING SHOES! THEN ONE AFTERNOON A CLISTOMER WALKED IN WHO SEEMED TO BE MORE INTERESTED IN BAT THAN THE SHINE HE WAS GETTING! SURE! THE WORKS WANT

SADDLE

SOAP?

IT'S BAT NORMAN ALL RIGHT! HE DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME ! BUT THEN WHY SHOULD HE S

DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME! I WAS GOING TO WAIT TILL AFTER WORKING HOURS, THEN BLAST HIM. BUT I FIGURED MAYBE THERE WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL YOU WANTED DONE! AFTER ALL YOU'RE MY COUSIN, DANN

EVEN WHEN I

TIPPED HIM, BAT

SHOOTIN' HIM DEAD IS TOO EASY, LARRY GIVE ME A COUPLE OF DAYS TO THINK! BAT DESERVES SOMETHING A LITTLE OUT OF

THE ORDINARY!

SO DANNY POLEY SPINE) WORKED OUT HIS PLANS FOR "OPERATION RETRI-BUTION" AND ONE AFTER-NOON A WEEK LATER, LARRY FOLEY WALKED UP TO BAT AND SLAPPED HIM ON THE BACK.

BAT NORMAN! DON'T YOU REMEMB! ME! I'M LARRY FOLEY! YOU KNOW! DANNY'S COUSIN!

D.DANNYS COLIGINS SURE! I NEVER HAD A

CHANCE TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID TO DANNY! M PROBABLY THE ONLY GUY N TOWN WHO'S GRATEFUL

DANNY AND I WERE AFTER THE SAME GIRL! DANNY WAS WINNING OUT! I WANTED TO KILL HIM BUT YOU SAVED ME THE TROUBLE WHEN YOU TOOK HIM OUT OF CIRCULATION! HOW COME YOU'RE HERE SHINING SHOES! WHY AREN'T YOU - YOU KNOW ... ?

WHYCEHCECTW LOOKIN AROUND FOR A PARTNER-SOMEBODY WHO CAN SEE A LITTLE BETTER THAN I CAN!

G000! I WELL, DANNY HE SWALLOWED WANT THE THE BAIT! YELLOW RAT WE'RE LIKE TO SUFFER! THIS NOW! MAKE SURE BAT THINKS YOU'RE ALIBIED I'D DIE FOR FOR THE HIM! HE EVENING! DON'T CAN'T ET ANYTHING WAIT TILL GO WRONG! TONIGHT

EVERY MUGIN TOWN IS CO OPERATING WITH ME! ILL 86 ALIBIED FROM NINE TO MONGH THE POLICE WILL NEVER BELIEVE BAT'S STORY! IT'LL BEJUST CASE OF ONE SQUEAL TOD MANY



BAT ALSO FELT GREAT THAT NIGHT! HIS CHEST SWELLED! HE WAS A MAN AGAIN—A GUNMAN! THERE WAS A LOADED AS IN HIS POCKET—A CHANCE TO GET THE EARNINGS OF THREE MONTHS MERELY BY POINTING ITS MUZZLE AT SOMEBODY!



ANYWAY! EVEN THOUGH IN JAIL, DANNY KNEW THE SCORE, AND ON HIS ORDERS IT WAS STRAIGHT TO THIS DRUGGIST THAT LARRY LED BAT NORMAN...









































(ARS-PARKED ALONG THE STREET!
MAYBE I CAN FORCE SOMEBODY TO
PRIVE ME! HE DOESN'T HAVE TO
NOW I CAN'T SEE WHERE HE'S
TAKIN' ME! THEN I CAN KNOCK
HIM COLD AND HIDE SOMEWHERE,
THEN FIND AN OPTICIAN...

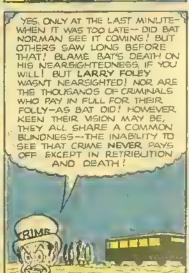












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Crime and Punishment is a wonderful magazine. I believe if more people would read these books these days, there wouldn't be so much crime going on. I think many people have been soved just by reading Crime and Punishment. I think readers are getting a good deal by just poying 10c for such a wanderful book.

Lo Vida Davis Rt. 2, Box 779 Cupertino, Calif.

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Morilyn Mitchell 3240 Compbell Baker, Oreg.

I was sick in bed and my mather got me a camic book to read. It was Crime and Punishment. It sure makes a person stop and think when a judge sentences o man to die in the electric chair or in the gos chamber. This book should stop a lot of young criminals. Keep up the good work.

> John Thill Box 4 Potosi, Wisc.

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Junior Police Department Lakeside Drive Hostings, Nebr. I have read Crime and Punishment for two years, not missing a single issue, and will keep an doing so. I sincerely thank the editors for writing such an educational magazine and am sure the other readers do also. There would be less crime in the world if everyone would read Crime and Punishment. They would learn that crime does not pay.

Wayne Bostic 1817 Orcutt Ave. Newport News, Va.

I read your magazine Crime and Punishment very regularly, and enjoy it very much. It is a good book for children to read, so I am soving all my copies for my little two year old cousin to read when she is older.

> Glenn Summers 1304 Stainbock — Nashville 7, Tenn.

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Angel Apodaca Box 45 Woodville, Ohio

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ON THE LINKS AT SLEEPY, MOLLOW GOLF CLUB, ONE MEMBER OF A FRIENDLY FOURSOME WAS PLOTTING MURDER AS HE PLAYED HIS FIRST ROUND ON THE NINE-HOLE COURSE! THE TIME, THE PLACE, THE VICTIM, ALL WERE AS NEATLY ARRANGED AS THE WELL-KEPT FAIRWAYS AND THE SMOOTH, FLAWLESS GREENS...THUS A GOLF MATCH WAS THE COVER-UP FOR A GRIM GAME OF DEATH, WHICH—BUT FOR THE QUICK AND LUCKY DISCOVERY—MIGHT HAVE BECOME AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY! AS IT HAPPENED, THE CLUES WERE CHECKED IN TIME! STUDY THEM AND SEE IF YOU, TOO, CAN CRACK THE CASE OF "DEATH FROM THE FAIRWAY"!





TERMS! BRING THE

HAVE 'EM!

LIA-DO

MARED

YES, BLACKMAIL IS MY BUSINESS, AND HOW I LOVE IT! ONE MAN WRITES SEVEN LETTERS TO THE WRONG WOMAN, WHO GIVES THEM AWAY IN A FIT OF SPITE! I PICK THEM UP AND TURN THEM INTO MONEY! THEY SAY, "OO RIGHT AND FEAR NO MAN"! THEY SHOULD SAY, "DON'T WRITE AND FEAR NO WOMAN, OR THE SHAKEDOWN ARTIST WHO THREATENS YOU WITH THE LETTERS SHE RECEIVED!























WE WERE TIED FOR LOW ON THE LAST HOLE, CARMODY! YOU KNOW, WE'RE OUT-DRIVING HARKNESS, HIGH TEES A TEE AT AVERAGE HEIGHT OR NOT!





































SUCH WAS THE SCENE OF CRIME WHEN INSPEC-TOR JOYCE OF HEADQUARTERS ARRIVED...

HMM...SO THIS WAS THE MURDER WEAPON! IT LOOKS LIKE AN OLD PUTTING CLEEK! UNFORTUNATELY, THE WRAPPING WAS TOO DRY TO PICK UP FINGERPRINTS! AND THE GROUND IS TOO HARD FOR FCOTPRINTS! WE SEEM TO BE OUT OF LUCK ON PRINTS OF ANY KIND!



SOMEBODY - PERHAPS, THE MURDERER - BURNED SOME PAPERS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE! HE DID A GOOD JOB, BREAKING

UP THE ASHES! THERE'S NO TRACE OF WRITING LEFT! BUT IF HIS MIND WAS FIXED ON THAT ONE



HE MAY HAVE OVERLOOKED ANYTHING THAT HE DROPPED DURING THE STRUGGLE! WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW, I WAS RIGHT! UNLESS THESE THINGS BELONG TO THE DEAD MAN, WHICH I DON'T THINK THEY DO, THEY MUST BE THE MURDERER'S!





I CAN TELL YOU ABOUT THIS GOLF A CHEAP WATCH AND AN EVEN CHEAPER TIE-CLASP! THEY CHEAPER TIE-CLASP! THEY HAVEN'T ANY INITIALS, SO THEY MIGHT BELONG TO ALMOST ANY-BODY, LIKE THE WOODEN GOLF TEES I FOUND WITH THEM! THAT IS, THEY MIGHT BELONG CLUB! IT'S A PUTTING CLEEK THAT MR HARKNESS TO ANYBODY BUT THE VICTIM! SOLD TO HIS FRIEND THE CLASP STILL ON HIM! CARMODY,



AND I INTENDED TO TAPE THE HANDLE LATER TODAY! HARKNESS AND CARMODY ARE PLAYING A FOURSOME WITH A FELLOW NAMED FENWAY. AND ANOTHER MAN, LINDEN, WHO TO K SOME LESSONS BARLY THIS MORNING! AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION WE CAN GO OUT ON THE LINKS AND TRAIL

A FELLIN RAMED FERNING.

GET ME A BAG OF CLUBS, AND WE'LL HEAD THERE RIGHT AWAY!



BFY 1

IT'S GIVING ME I WOULDN'T THE JITTERS, KNOW! BUT THE WAY THE NATURALLY PRO AND THAT THEY KEEP FELLOW WITH. CATCHING LIP BECAUSE A HIM ARE CATCHING UP TWOSOME TO US AT EVERY MOVES TEE! WHO IS FASTER THE AN-THAN A SOME NEW FOUR-MEMBERS SOME!

MAYRE YOU'RE ΉΔτ WINDS NERVOUS. LINDEN US UP! **BECAUSE** THERE'S HARK-NOTHING NOW BUT NESS IS TO ADD OUT-DRIVING OR ! YOU!

TO ADD UP FIRST, GENTLE MEN! A SMALL MATTER SMALL MATTER A VICTIM NAMED HARVEY GARSH! HIS BODY IS OVER THERE BEHIND THE SPRING HOUSE! SUPPOSE WE DISCUSS IT IN THE

QUARTERS! HERE ARE MY



OF COURSE! IT'S SO THAT'S WHY GOLF MY OLD PUTTING CLEEK! I LEFT YOU SOLD ME CLUB FRAME ME! YOU WAS THE IT IN THE MURDER CADDY HOUSE PROBABLY DIDN'T WEAPON! LAST NIGHT LEAVE IT THERE SO THE PRO AT ALL! ANY-DO YOU COULD FIX IT UP FOR





HOLD IT! I'VE HEARD ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT ANY ONE OF YOU COULD HAVE PICKED UP THAT OLD PUTTING CLEEK FOR PURPOSES OF MURDER THINKING THAT IT WOULD THROW THE BLAME ON SOMEONE ELSE ... BUT I HAVE SOMETHING MORE TANGIBLE TO PROVE WHICH MAN LURED GARSH TO A RENDEZVOUS WITH DEATH, CLUES FROM THE SCENE OF THE CRIME THAT POINT CULPRIT!



FENWAY YOU CANNOT GUESS WHO DUNNIT, TURN THIS PAGE UPSIDE DOWN FOR THE SOLUTION!

LINDEN



BE IN THE PRISONERS' DOCK! AUD NOT TAKEN THE LAW INTO YOUR SHOULD HAVE GOVE TO THE POLICE THEN YOU

WAIFER! HE DESERNED BUT HE WAS A BLACK

WURDERER! ALL! THESE ITEMS MARK YOU AS THE CLUE COULD SEPARATELY CLEAR AN INNO CENT MAN, LEAVING YOU AS THE ONE PERSON WHO MIGHT HAVE OWNED THEM WHAT YOU OVERLOOKED WAS THAT EACH THE GRAPPLE, BUT FIGURED YOU COULD BLUFF IT THROUGH, BECAUSE NONE OF THE INKED DIRECLLY TO YOU! WAY! YOU THOUGHT YOU'D LOST THEM IN SO THEY ALL ADD UP AS YOURS, FEN



FREQUENTLY! NOT CONSTITUED SO A WRIST WATCH - WHICH THAT YOU WOULD HAVE LOST A WATCH AND FOB WHILE WEARING ILS HYBOTA FIKETA AS FOR YOU, LINDEN,



WEAS BECAUSE YOU ововьер тне пе WOULDN'T HAVE AND YOU, CARMODY,



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